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EUR/P/SP; EUR/WE; INR/P; PM; OSD ISA FOR ILN:
FOR NEA; WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC/WEUROPE; USCINCEUR FOR PAO;
NATO FOR USIS; BRUSSELS FOR USIS AND PLEASE PASS USEC;
GENEVA FOR USIS; PARIS FOR USIS; MOSCOW FOR P & C;
PARIS ALSO FOR OECD FERNANDEZ; MILDENHALL FOR PAO.
SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
LONDON NEWSPAPER SUMMARY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1983.
IN THE BRITISH PRESS TODAY: THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORT
ON **KLAUS BARBIE** AND FORMAL APOLOGY TO FRANCE RECEIVES FRONT-PAGE
COVERAGE IN THIS MORNING'S QUALITY PRESS. TELEVISION NEWS FOR
LAST NIGHT GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO THIS STORY, WITH BOTH BBC
AND ITN RUNNING ACTUALITY OF ALLAN RYAN OF THE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT, AND ARCHIVE FOOTAGE ILLUSTRATING BARBIE'S CAREER.
BBC 9.00 PM NEWS SAID (BRIAN BARRON REPORTING): THE REPORT

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REPRESENTED "A MASSIVE INDICTMENT OF AMERICAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE METHODS....A DAMNING REPORT READING MORE LIKE FICTION THAN FACT, IT PULLS NO PUNCHES....FOR THE U S GOVERNMENT TO HAVE COLLABORATED WITH A NAZI WAR-CRIMINAL WAS "SHAMEFUL" "INCOMPREHENSIBLE", "A GROSS MISJUDGEMENT".....INCREDIBLY THE REPORT REVEALS THAT IN THE MID-1960S THE AMERICAN ARMY SERIOUSLY THOUGHT OF REACTIVATING BARBIE....THE CIA KILLED THAT IDEA.... THIS REPORT ENDS ON A NOTE OF ABJECT APOLOGY." ITN "NETS AT TEN" GAVE EMPHASIS TO THE REPORT'S INDICTMENT OF "INCOMPREHENSIBLE AND SHAMEFUL ACTION...."

CHAD RECEIVES WIDESPREAD COVERAGE THIS MORNING (TEEGRAPH EDITORIAL.

MIDDLE EAST COVERED BY THE TIMES, GUARDIAN AND FINANCIAL TIMES. THE TELEGRAPH RUNS A COLUMN ON ALLEGED LOSS OF MORALE AMONG CONTRAS "BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT WASHINGTON MAY BE 'GOING COOL' ON THEIR CAUSE."

HEADLINES:

BARBIE:

THE TIMES: "APOLOGY BY U S FOR AIDING BARBIE"

THE GUARDIAN: "U S ADMITS PAYING AND SHIELDING BARBIE"

THE TELEGRAPH: "BARBIE APOLOGY BY U S"

THE FINANCIAL TIMES: "BARBIE'S ESCAPE"

CHAD:

THE TIMES: "CHAD PUTS OUT PEACE FEELERS TO LIBYA"

THE GUARDIAN: "MITTERAND IRKED BY REAGAN'S ATTITUDE ON CHAD"

THE TELEGRAPH: "PARIS FEARS OF WAR WITH LIBYA"

THE TELEGRAPH EDITORIAL: "FRANCE MOVES IN"

THE FINANCIAL TIMES: "FRANCE SEEKS TO AVERT CHAD SHOWDOWN"

MIDDLE EAST:

THE TIMES "ISRAEL GIVES LEBANON UNWRITTEN ULTIMATUM"

THE GUARDIAN: "BEIRUT AIRPORT REOPENS AFTER MOVE TO APPEASE OPPOSITION"

THE FINANCIAL TIMES: "ISRAELIS TO BEGIN PULL-BACK WITHIN DAYS"

CENTRAL AMERICA:

THE TELEGRAPH: "NICARAGUAN REBELS FEAR WASHINGTON MAY CUT SUPPORT"

TEXT:

BARBIE:

NICHOLAS ASHFORD, TIMES' CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON:

THE WHITE HOUSE HAS FORMALLY APOLOGIZED TO FRANCE FOR HELPING **KLAUS BARBIE**, KNOWN AS "THE BUTCHER OF LYONS", TO EVADE FRENCH JUSTICE AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR WHILE HE WAS WORKING FOR AMERICAN COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE IN OCCUPIED GERMANY.

AN OFFICIAL APOLOGY WAS SENT TO PARIS AFTER THE AUTHOR OF A 220-PAGE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORT INTO AMERICAN COMPLICITY IN THE BARBIE AFFAIRS CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS ITS REGRETS.

MR LARRY SPEAKES, THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN, SAID IN SANTA BARBARA, WHERE PRESIDENT REAGAN IS ON HOLIDAY, THAT THE U S HAS SENT A COPY OF THE REPORT TO FRANCE AND "WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR DEEP REGRET OVER ACTIONS TAKEN IN GERMANY IN 1950" TO CONCEAL BARBIE FROM THE FRENCH. (MORE) USIS LONDON

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